

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

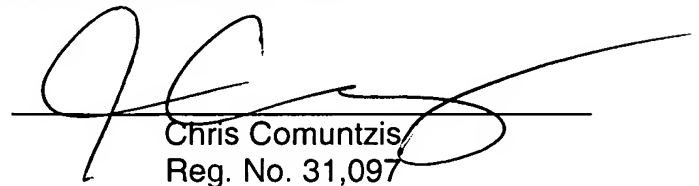
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has noted that Applicants had not submitted a certified translation of the foreign priority document, which is necessary to perfect the claim to foreign priority. Accordingly, attached hereto is a certified translation of the priority document thereby perfecting the claim to foreign priority and effectively removing the anticipatory Hattori et al. reference as prior art against claims 11 and 17.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks and the attached certified translation of the priority document, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered and that all of claims 11-17, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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